



7. (Currently Amended) A mechanical seal according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein the biasing means comprises seal is provided with two or more magnets circumferentially separated by a spacing element.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) A mechanical seal according to ~~any of~~ claim [[2]] 1 wherein said biasing means seal comprises ~~first and second axially floating seal faces and~~ a magnet, one end of which attracts said first axially floating seal face member and the other end of which attracts said second axially floating seal face member.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) A mechanical seal according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein said seal includes an outer housing which contains at least one magnet secured therein.
12. (Original) A mechanical seal according to claim 11 wherein the magnet is axially flush with a shoulder on the outer housing.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A mechanical seal according to claim 1 wherein ~~the seal includes a housing and~~ said housing is provided with a radially extending hole connecting the outermost and innermost surfaces of the housing.
17. (Canceled)
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